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The relevance of foreign-language document A1 is described in the present specification.

Document A2 discloses an automatic brake device.

Document A3 discloses an automatic braking device of a vehicle.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are provided herewith.

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